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Draft report

Addendum

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II. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

Section 7. Legal activities

1. At its 19th and 20th meetings, on 11 and 12 October 1993, the Committee considered section 7 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Discussion

2. Some delegations expressed concern that the proposed reductions under the programme for legal activities, particularly in respect of international trade law, and the small increase under the programme for law of the sea and ocean affairs, might adversely affect the implementation of the programme of work and asked for assurance from the Secretariat in this regard. In particular, the reductions under external printing should not prevent the issuance of the various legal publications. The question of assistance to developing countries in connection with participation at meetings of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) was raised by some delegations. A number of delegations stated that UNCITRAL should conduct its work in a more cost-effective manner. Clarification was sought regarding the workload of the Administrative Tribunal and the presentation of its reports in two languages.

Reservation

3. One delegation expressed a reservation on the inclusion of subprogramme 4 (Servicing the Preparatory Commission for the International Seabed Authority and for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea) of programme B and its financing under the regular budget.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 7 of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.